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NATIONAL SAMPLE SURVEY ORGANISATION`S REPORT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Sample Survey Organisation has given any report titled `Level and Pattern of Consumers` Expenditure, 2004-05;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report mentions about the fact that the substance level of every third person in the rural areas in the country is rupees twelve per day;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(e) whether according to the said report the subsistence level of Ten percent people in rural areas is only rupees thirteen per month; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, has brought out the Report No. 508(61/1.0/1) titled, `Level and Pattern of Consumer Expenditure, 2004-2005; NSS 61st Round (July 2004 − June 2005)` based on the 61st Round of NSS Large Sample survey data on household consumer expenditure.

(c): Table P3 on page no. 13 of the above said Report mentions that about 30% of the rural population has monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE) below Rs.365 (= Rs. 12 per day).

(d): The government has adopted a three pronged strategy to improve the living standard of the poor in rural areas : (i) acceleration of economic growth with a focus on sectors which are employment intensive;(ii) human and social development through provision of basic minimum services; and (iii) targeted anti- poverty programmes.

(e): Table P3 on page no. 13 of the above said Report mentions that about 10% of the urban (not rural) population has monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE) below Rs.395 (= Rs. 13 per day).

(f): In view of (e) above, does not arise.